



# GILSTON STATE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It is **Mothers' Day** this Sunday. What does that mean for you and your family? For many it is a time to tell and show Mum how much we care. Perhaps it is a time for reflection. For about half our readers, it is "your" day, after joining the "special club" on the arrival of your child. Whatever the circumstance in your family, I wish for you a day of positivity and happy reflections.

There were a willing group of mothers (and a few fathers) yesterday and this morning to help with the **NAPLAN breakfast**. I am **grateful for your input** as your time ensured that we continue to make this event a highlight in the students' lives.

**NAPLAN** will be more than half complete by the time you read this edition. I know that despite a few nerves our students were well-prepared to do their best. The **reports outlining each child's results** will be distributed later this year.

At Gilston we have developed **protocols** for how we do our weekly business. The **common standards** and **expectations** lead to greater organisation and efficiency. So it is with the **rules of the road**. They exist to ensure **safety** and to assist with **efficient movement** of vehicles. When all drivers dropping off and collecting students from school follow the protocols and rules, everyone benefits. When some choose to **disregard these our safety is compromised and efficiency of others disrupted**. I thank those of you who continue to observe the rules. Your consideration of others is appreciated. A particular target for our police in their next visits will be the bus zone in the morning and those waiting for more than 2 minutes in the collection zone.

**Social media continues to challenge parents** as the number and form of applications continues to grow. Recently the social media website, **musical.ly**, has presented some security challenges for parents at Gilston regarding their children's participation on line. As a courtesy I urge you to check whether your child is accessing this social media website and use this prompt to ensure you are aware of all online activity in which your child is involved.

This week is **volunteers' week**. I have written numerous times about the benefits we gain from the generous donation of time and skills of our community members. In this special week I wish to acknowledge our huge team of volunteers and draw your attention to the numerous hours spent "behind the scenes" by our quiet achievers. The legacy of volunteers past can be captured in the resources we have at our school, the buildings and the state of our environment. Most significantly for me

### FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday	11 May	Last day payment Year 3 Jellurgal Cultural Centre
Monday	15 May	Year 3 Jellurgal Cultural Centre Excursion
Monday	22 May	P & C Meeting
Wednesday	31 May	Gold Coast South primary Chess Tournament

Our website has access to all consent letters for any of the excursions listed above <https://gilstonss.eq.edu.au>

### 2017 Explicit Improvement Agenda

Response to intervention (RTI):

Target driven intervention through:

- Data Analysis
- Consistent Core Instruction
- Progress Monitoring
- Supplementary and Intensive Intervention

### Gilston Expectations

- Be a Learner
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

### Current Attendance Levels

P	1	2	3	4	5	6
96.39	94.64	94.71	95.15	93.97	95.23	93.78

though is in the community "feel" that is perpetuated by their actions. **Thank you all!**

The **P & C meeting** will be on **22 May** this month. Please adjust your diary accordingly.

Please be aware that I have advised teachers that the "**spinner toys**" recently promoted through the media are not suitable for general use at school. These are sensory tools that, if deemed required by staff, would be used by students **inside classrooms** to assist individual students. Importantly, they were not devised to detract from physical activity outside the room. Students who bring these items to school will be directed to take them home and use them at your discretion.

Stay safe and keep smiling.  
Bruce

## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Cross Country

I was impressed to see the community support and student participation in the annual school Cross Country. It was pleasing to see all students from Prep to Year 6 participating in the event. Students are to be commended on their determination, persistence and community spirit that was demonstrated throughout the day. Selected students from Year 4-6 will represent our school at the District Cross Country in the coming weeks.

### Breakfast

It has become a tradition at Gilston State School that students relate NAPLAN to breakfast organised by the P & C. I would like to commend the effort the P & C have put in to prepare and deliver such a variety of breakfast choices. Breakfast is still recognised as the most important meal of the day, however, statistics from the Australian Bureau of Statistics state that one in six students skip breakfast regularly. It is really important that parents and teachers encourage our students to eat a healthy and nutritious breakfast every day to prepare our students for learning and to enable them to remain focused.

Why is it important for children to begin their day with a nutritious breakfast?

Breakfast:

- increases your child's concentration levels and their ability to learn
- helps children to maintain a healthy weight and decrease the likelihood of obesity
- brightens children's mood by providing them with energy
- strengthens heart, bones, muscles and joints, which may help reduce serious childhood health problems
- assists children to develop positive habits that they will take into adulthood.

Breakfasts don't need to take hours to prepare, here are some healthy, quick and delicious suggestions for your child's breakfast. Why not try:

- Wholegrain breakfast cereals e.g. rolled oats, muesli, bran, wheat biscuits
- Wholemeal or multigrain toast with baked beans, egg, cheese or spreads
- Yoghurt with fresh fruit
- Fruit smoothies
- Wholegrain muffins or crumpets.

<http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents/item/333-the-importance-of-breakfast>

## Interschool Primary School Chess Tournament

Round two of the Gold Coast South Primary Chess Tournament will be held on **Wednesday, 31 May** at **Kings Christian College**. Information will be supplied to the students who are attending Monday afternoon lessons. Parents need to register their child online with Gardiner Chess at [www.gardinerchess.com.au](http://www.gardinerchess.com.au).

We wish all participants the very best and are confident that you will have a wonderful time learning new skills, meeting new friends and representing our school.

## CHOIR AND MUSIC NEWS

This term the **Eisteddfod choir** has started rehearsals to prepare for the competition later in the year. The choir meets every Tuesday, alternating between altos and sopranos at 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> breaks. This coming week we will have sopranos (high group) at 1<sup>st</sup> break and altos (low group) at 2<sup>nd</sup> break. If your son/daughter has not yet attended the rehearsals please remind them of the day and time.

The **senior choir** continues on Thursdays this term and the **junior choir** students meet on Fridays at 1<sup>st</sup> break.

**Taiko** – all members – Monday at 1<sup>st</sup> break

**Taiko** – gold and white groups – Wednesday at 1st break

**GPAC** – don't forget to collect a form to enter the talent show! They can be found on the music room noticeboard. Auditions will begin on 29 May and the competition will be held on 15 June.

For more information about any of the above, please see Mrs Miller in the music room.

## CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

### Age Champions

	Boys	Girls
9 years	Jett Green	Kyra O'Connor
10 years	Ashley Hearn Riley Wilson	Ava Christensen
11 years	Carter Wilson	Charlie Potter
12 years	Tom Van Loon	Summer Richards

### Final House Points

1 <sup>st</sup>	Zimmerman	421 points
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Latimer	381 points
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Duncan	305 points
4 <sup>th</sup>	Hinze	292 points

## GILSTON GOURMET

### Tuckshop Roster

Thursday 11 May – Rachel Delany/Brenda Fleming

Friday 12 May – Amelia Edwards / Jenny

Monday 15 May – Help needed

Tuesday 16 May – Melanie Harrison

Wednesday 17 May - Help needed

Thursday 18 May – Help needed

Friday 19 May - Amelia Edwards / Jenny

Thank you to Paula Black, Darren and Claire Smith, Bek Barker, Shayley and Lee Pankhurst, Alyssa Rose Ware, Poppy, Karen Bowden, Tam Bell, Rachel Stanley, Rachel Delany, Angela Griffin, Brenda Fleming, Summer Richards and Maia Gardner for volunteering in the tuckshop for NAPLAN this week. Muchly appreciated.

Hot Chocolate is back. Available all day - \$2.50 each.

We hope all our Mums and Grandmas/Nannas have a great day on Sunday.

Have a great week. Nicole Meesen- Tuckshop Convenor

### **UNIFORM SHOP**

*School Jackets have arrived and are available for sale from the tuckshop - \$38 each. Also more stock has arrived of our school hats.*

*Our second hand sale was a hit on Monday afternoon. For those of you who missed this, don't worry we will be having one each month. Please read your newsletters to find out when. All second hand clothing is \$3.*

*Cargo Pants and girls bootleg pants are still only \$8 each (saving of \$20), and Gabardine shorts are all \$10 each (saving of \$10). If you would like to place an order please see the ladies in the tuckshop or go online to [flexischools.com.au](http://flexischools.com.au).*

*Nicole Meesen*

### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ROBINA STATE HIGH SCHOOL ENROLMENT INFORMATION EVENING** for Year 7 2018 – Tuesday 16 May 5.30-7.00pm, Performing Arts Centre – 1 Investigator Drive, Robina.



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